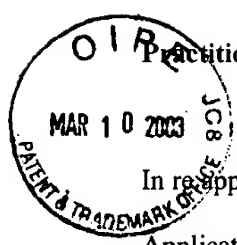


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alan F. Savicki

Application No.: 09/979,521  
Filed: 11/19/2001  
For: CLOSURE DEVICE

Group No.: 3677  
Examiner: J.R. Brittain

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- 1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

- 2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

- 3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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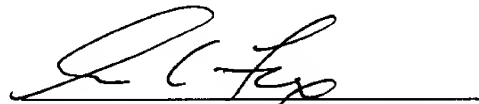
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